National Nutrition Cluster Coordination Meeting

Date	Jul 22nd, 2026
Time	14.00hrs - 15.30hrs
Venue	Online Microsoft teams meeting

Meeting Chair	Tarig Mekkawi (Nutrition Cluster Coordinator)
Meeting notes by	Sharif E. Qaddomi (Information Management Specialist)

Meeting agenda

Agenda Item
Introduction & Action Points
Update from the ICCG
SMART Survey
Strategic reflections based on SMART survey & HNRP
Midyear dashboard
West Bank Update
Partner Updates
AOB

Action	Status
Complete and present bilateral data validation with partners and finalize CMAM indicators integration into the dashboard	Done
Conduct bilateral data validation where discrepancies are identified.	Ongoing
Review current screening strategies to ensure outreach activities prioritize higher-risk communities rather than repeatedly screening the same lower-risk populations.	Done
Conduct trend analysis through NIS TWG	Done
Follow up bilaterally on implementation of inpatient protocols for children above 12 years.	In Progress
Finalize the acute malnutrition burden estimates for children and mothers to accompany the IPC release.	Done
Present SMART Survey results when ready	Will be presented today
Collect site closure reports through the site closure reporting tool as facilities become affected.	Ongoing
Conduct a technical review of the MAM-to-SAM admission ratio through the CMAM Technical Working Group.	Done
Raise breastfeeding barriers and infant admissions during the next CMAM Technical Working Group meeting.	In Progress

Minutes

Agenda Item	Summary	Action Points
Update from the ICCG	IPC analysis has been finalized and scheduled for public release, followed by partner and HCT briefings. Humanitarian funding allocation has been launched, while information on urgent funding gaps and operational impacts is being collected to inform allocation decisions.	• Circulate funding gap documents
SMART Survey	SMART survey findings indicate that acute malnutrition remains low across accessible areas of Gaza, while chronic malnutrition, poor diet quality, maternal malnutrition, diarrhea, and inadequate breastfeeding practices remain significant concerns. Findings are representative only of accessible areas, with inaccessible populations excluded from sampling. Strategic concern was raised that nutrition gains remain fragile and dependent on sustained humanitarian assistance, market functionality, and access.	
Strategic reflections based on SMART survey & HNRP Update	Strategic planning is being revised around treatment, prevention, maternal nutrition, information systems, and prioritization under funding constraints. It was agreed that emergency nutrition interventions, including IYCF-E and maternal nutrition, should remain framed as life-saving priorities rather than recovery activities.	
Midyear dashboard	Mid-year monitoring shows expanded nutrition service coverage, higher preventive interventions, sustained screening, declining child acute malnutrition admissions, decreasing PBW admissions after supply stabilization, improved cure rates, reduced defaulting rates, and continued high treatment burden among PBWs. Dashboard enhancements are being developed to include site closures and supply pipeline monitoring.	• Publish the MUAC dashboard.
West Bank Update	Work is progressing on revision of the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative policy, reassessment of accredited hospitals, updating the National Nutrition Strategy, Vitamin A activities, and micronutrient supplementation despite operational constraints.	
Partner Updates	Specialized breastfeeding support services have expanded alongside maternity services, with referral pathways and hotline services available across Gaza. Regular partner presentations during cluster meetings were encouraged.	
AOB	National Nutrition Cluster meetings will move to a monthly schedule while Gaza operational meetings will remain bi-weekly. Screening results will continue to be discussed through the national meeting and technical working group as appropriate. Advocacy messages based on SMART survey and IPC findings will be circulated after IPC publication.	• Circulate advocacy messages after IPC publication.

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